Transcript of the President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

Following is a transcript of President Carter's news conference in Washington yesterday, as recorded by The New York Times:

OPENING STATEMENT

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Our nation does face serious challenges. Serious problems. And the meeting of those challenges and the meeting of those challenges and the riffice. Sometimes we who are safe consider their sacrifices to be one cross. But I forgot those sacrifices when I looked into the face of these men who not only lives as a scriffice for others whom they did not know personally, but in a determination to grant freedom to them.

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Our goal in Iran is not to conquer; neither was their goal to destroy nor to injure anyone. As they left Iran following an unpredictable accident during the withdrawal stage with eight of their their stage of the stage of th

Efforts for Peacetul Solution
We will continue to try for a peaceful
solution as we see the consequences of
actions that we've already taken —
economic and diplomatic actions
—continue to punish Iran, a nation that is
suffering from economic deprivation
and from political fragmentation because they persist in this inhuman act.
We will not forget our hostages. And
are necessary and feasible to secure
their safe release, and their return to
their homes and to freedom.

Concentration on Hostages
Q. Mr. President why have you permitted the taking of the hostages in Iran to continue to monopolize your continued to the taking of the hostages in Iran to continue to monopolize your content of the Iran to continue to monopolize your other international crises that are equally important to the security of this country and when your prococcupation with what has happened in Iran only more stubborn?

A. There is no way that I could possibly confine my activities or my attention of the process that the process that the process that the process of the process of

their action in the invasion of Afghanistan.

I've spent a great deal of time the last couple of weeks, for instance, continuing our negotiations for peace between the continuing our negotiations for peace between the continuing our negotiations for peace between the continuing our negotiations for producing the continuing the continu

Possible Rivalry of Advisers

Other Parts of Mission

Cyrus R. Vance shaking hands with Senator Edmund S.

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I'll be glad to answer questions. Mr. Cormier.

An Early Summit Meeting

An Early Sulmin, tweeting O, Mr. President, would you consider an early summit meeting with your principal allies who seem to seek some reassurance about the basic thrust of your foreign policy — and I'm talking about a meeting prior to the Vienna summit in June? and the prior to the Vienna basic foreign policy. Nor have they in-dicated any such doubt to me; I'm sure of that.

dicated any such doubt to me; I'm sure of that, we do meet, in Yenice in June, the primary purpose of this annual meeting is to discuss economic matters: energy, inflation, unemployment, the development of our common resources and a better life for our people. But we have an adequate time for political discussions and for discussions about diplomatic matters and I see no urgency nor need to meet prior to that time.

Timing of Mission

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Q. Mr. President, after so many months of restraint, why did you undertake a mission that involved, endangered so many lives, the mission that fact that the state of the hostages—that is, the need to repet the state of the hostages—that is, the need to red this problem.

A. No. I think the time that we chose so that the state of the hostages—that is, the need to repet the state of the hostages—that is, the need to red this problem.

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time further steps would be taken to secure their complete release and their curve their complete release and their release. The complete release and their release to the complete release the release to the release the bostages were first taken we began preparations for a rescue mission which would have had to be undertaken had the hostages been injured in any way. At the time we began final plans way, At the time we began final plans which would have been the release to the releas

Risks of Iran Mission

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Q. This is a Monday-morning quarterback question. This is from the side—and it's not the first one—but I'm great the side of the

sion was termination we did it with great regret. There had been a prior understanding among all of us involved to the prior to actually go in for the rescue attempt would have been very doubtful of success and ill-conceived. The prior to the prior to

Settling Crisis Peacefully

Q. Mr. President, you said that great nations like the United States can be forgiving of its essential switch to lesing and the part of the painful bloodshed and Q. In view of the painful bloodshed and Q. In view of the painful bloodshed and so of like suffered by so many Iranian people under the Pahlevi rule, by the S3 boctages and their families, and now, did the said the suffered by so many Iranian people under the Pahlevi rule, by the S3 boctages and their families, and now, the said so the said th

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Q. Mr. President, there events to be a growing impression in this to my east your national security adviser is gain-ing impressed at the expense of the Secretary of State, even speculation that that may have been a factor in Mr. Vance's resignation. Would you care to want the security of the secretary of State, even speculation that was have a very good and proper balance of advisers who comprise the National Security Council who work with the security Council who work with the Security Council who work with the security of the secure of the security and the present of the security and the present of the security and the proper discussion. I regret his decision. Under the circumstances I think it was the proper the future while I'm here, will there be any unwarranted intervention in the carrying out of a foreign policy under the aegis of the State Department. But I reserve the right to receive advise the sets to partment. But I reserve the right to receive advise the best way I can make the proper decision once I have all the facts and all the advice that I seek.

Other Parts of Mission

Desecration of Bodies

Description of Bodies
Q. Mr. President, you have noted that the Iranian leaders joined in the description of the bodies of American servicemen. A. Yes, that's right.
Q. Do you think that this will aff

Problems of Blacks

Q, Mr. President, the U.S. economy is basically in a recession. And to black Americans that means that we're in a document of the control of

Vance's Dissent

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Q. Mr. President, just to be specific, there was no other aspect of the plan with which we are not familiar that provided the basis of his dissent—it was just a broad and general dissent?

A. I believe that's accurate, but you might want or follow that up with Section 1 and the second of the sec

Beliefs on Prospects

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Q. Mr. President, following up on your statement just now, when you were planning the rescue attempt, did you believe that all the hostages could have been removed from Iran safely, or did you feel that some could have been selfied in the process? And secondly, do you think that the United States would be better off to end the crists moved to the hostages?

To the hostages?

A. Obviously an operation of this kind would have had some risk, but we were convinced that the hostages could be removed successfully and safely.

Political Consequences

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Q. Mr. President, does it seem to you that if you cannot resolve this crisis soon it may cost you your renomination that as Harry Truman said and as you have said, the buck stops there — that that would be a fair judgment? of the bolding of the hostages is not a factor for me. I've had to make decisions that on occasion might very well have been unpopular and some that I have inade judgment of the American people. But I've had to make those decisions under the most difficult circumstances, dealing with a nation's leaders who cannot constantly change their own identity. It see so relationship to this effort or late to the their position and even constantly change their own identity. It see so relationship to this effort on a proposal in a political circumstances.

Danger to Hostages

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O.M. President, as we hook at the situation in Iran in terms of what they may understand you might do, what have you led Iran's leaders to believe would happen if they harmed the hostages? Do you think such fear is saving the hostages lives now? And if there is read to the hostages lives now? And if there is read in the hostages in the hostages of the hostages had been done in the hostages had hostages had been done in the hostages had been

to Iran, the extreme adverse consequences to them if such action should be actively to the such action should be actively to the letting them know that there would be serious consequences for their nation and their people, we specifically spelled out one step in that process short of military action and that was short of military action and that was four nation in firm in its resolve, it's remarkably united, our people have been surprisingly patient.

Divisions in Iran in the Government or among the terrorists themselves that it is to their advantage whom they hold. And I hope they will be convinced as time goes by — not military action that we have already taken when they hold. And I hope they will be convinced as time goes by — not must be active of government and dividing their own attactive themselves the surprise and the services of the action that we have already taken with the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute of government and dividing their own attactions to be a surprise to the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute that the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute that the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute that the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute that the surprise that was envisioned when they had the revolution institute that they have a surprise that the surprise that they had the revolution instituted that they have a surprised the surprise that they have a surprised the surprise that they have a surprised the surprised that they have a surprised the surprised the surprised that they have a surprised the surprised the surprised that they have a surprised the surprised that the surprised that the surprised that the surprised that the surpri

sioned when they had the revolution of the first a remarkable commentary on this fragmentation that in spite of the deep commitment of their new constitution, the Ayatollah Khomeini and their public officials — they have not even been able to hold an election in Iran after months of efforts. So I believe that being joined by our aillies in similar kinds of economic sanctions might the Iranians to realize that it's much better for them to release the hostages unharmed and to resolve this crisis.

Problems in Military

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Q. Mr. President, can you, tonight,
assure the American people that there is no connection between the inability of the American military to retain,
and the American military to retain,
cal personnel and the abnormally high
allure rate of the helicopters on the
rescue mission? And in a broader
sense, does this high failure rate worry
the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the
Persian Guil?
A. There is no connection. Because
we focused the snormous resources of
capability on this particular equipment
it was used in this operation.
Had there been some shortage of elther technicians, or spars parts, or
maintenance expellity it would not
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case of the helicopters, the C-130's or
the equipment the men took in for the
respun operation. So there is no connection between those at all.

Appointment of Muskie

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Q. Mr. President, could you explain why you appointed Senator Edmund Muskie to succeed Cyrus Vance when senator Muskie has limited foreign policy experience and holds only a secondary position on the Foreign Affairs Candary Bestions on the Foreign Affairs Candary Bestion of the Candary Bestion on the Secondary Bestion on the Secondary Bestion on the Secondary Bestion of the Secondary Bestion on the Secondary Bestion on the Secondary Bestion of Secondary Besting Bestion of Secondary Besti

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Infiltrated U.S. Agents Said to Quit Iran M

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from the ground commander to withtraw.

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Archbishop Arrives in Iran to Help With Transfer of Americans' Bodies

By JOHN KIFNER
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TEHERAN, April 29 — Archbishop
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American Embassy hostages.
Bishop Capucic came from Rome at the
invitation of President Abolhassan BandSaft to arrange the transfers with the
Swiss Embassy and the Red Cross. The
bodies are not expected to, go to the
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bodies are not expected to, go to the
commandity in Jerusalem, who was expelled by Israel in 1977 after serving
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Tension is Increasing
Meanwhile, there was a notable increase in tension here. President Banil-





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